

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The Abstract as amended below with a replacement Abstract shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

A cooking apparatus capable of effectively utilizing thermal energy of a heating unit to heat food includes a cabinet opened at a top surface thereof to provide an opening over which food to be cooked is laid. A grill unit is seated in the opening of the cabinet so as to support the food over the opening. A heating unit is provided in the cabinet so that a front surface thereof faces the grill unit to radiate thermal energy to the grill unit. A plurality of reflecting members are provided at predetermined positions around a rear surface of the heating unit, and are installed to be spaced apart from each other by a predetermined gap to provide an air layer between the reflecting members. ~~The construction of the cooking apparatus allows far infrared rays radiated from a rear surface of the heating unit to be reflected to a front of the heating unit, in addition to preventing heat from being transmitted from the heating unit to a rear portion of the heating unit due to an air layer provided between the reflecting members.~~ Accordingly, most of the thermal energy generated from the heating unit may be used for cooking the food.